

**Progress in the
implementation of the
National Policy on
International Migration and
Development in Jamaica and
challenges in harnessing the
contributions of migration**

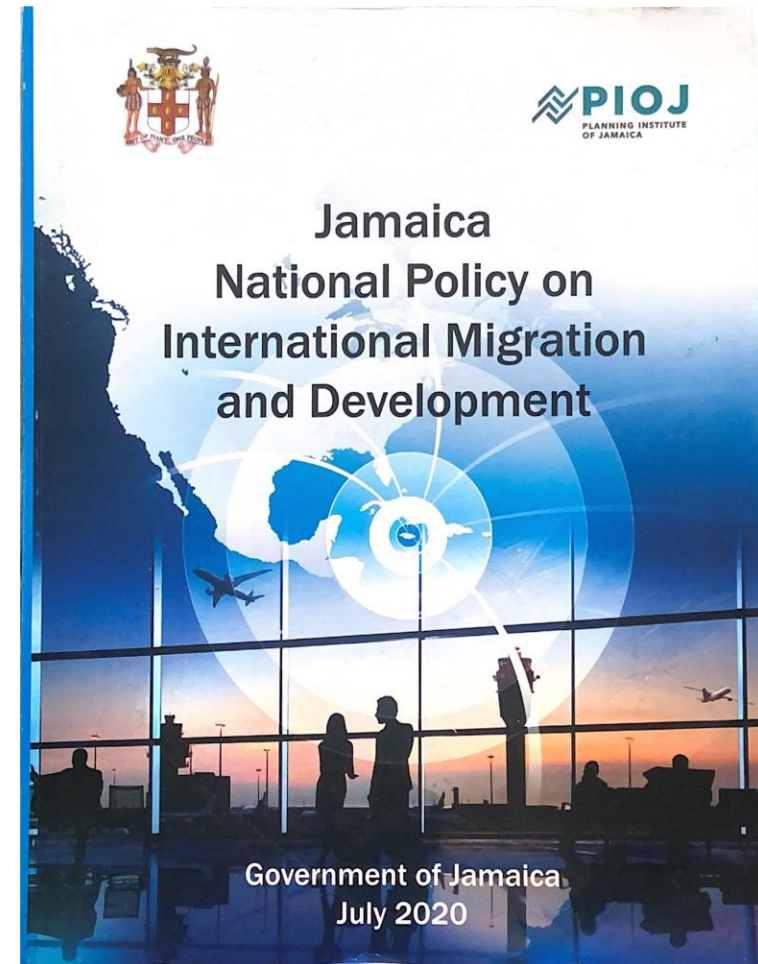
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Background

The National Policy on International Migration and Development (IMD) formulation process began in 2011 and finalized in 2017 when same was tabled in Parliament for approval as White Paper.

The policy development process was led by the Planning Institute of Jamaica and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

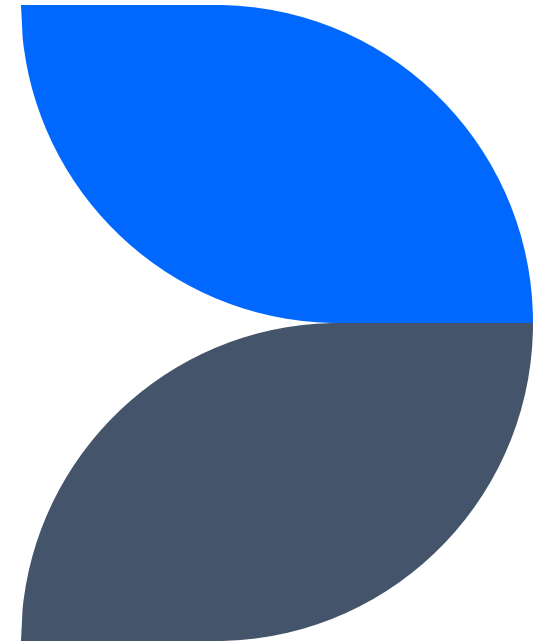


Introduction

The National Policy on International Migration and Development recognizes that Jamaica is a country of origin, transit and destination. It is also recognized that relationships exist between migration and the economic, social and cultural conditions in developing countries, such as Jamaica.

Policy Vision

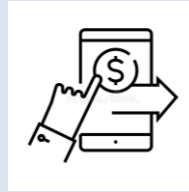
International migration contributes positively to national development goals and enhances the well-being of migrants.



Priority Areas



**Diaspora and
Development**



**Remittance
and Development**



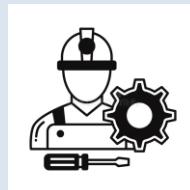
**Return, Integration
And Reintegration**



**Governance and
Policy Coherence**



**Human Rights
And Social Protection**



**Labour Mobility
And Development**



**Public Order, Safety
And Security**



**Family, Migration
And Development**



**Data, research and
Information Systems**

Goals

1

By 2030, normative, institutional and legislative frameworks for international migration and development reflect consensus, inclusiveness, the requirements of domestic and international laws; and are effectively mainstreamed into the national. Development planning framework.

2

By 2030, the state will ensure measures are in place to safeguard the human rights and dignities of all migrants in accordance with the Constitution, other national laws and policies including, international obligations.

3

By 2030, Jamaica will have in place mechanisms to facilitate mutual agreements for the portability, transferability and provision of minimum social protection guarantees for all migrants.

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The Jamaican Diaspora is fully and effectively engaged in national development through strategic partnership by 2030.

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The Jamaican labour market is positioned to maximize its full development potential in the context of the domestic and global labour market by 2030.

Goals

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By 2030, there are modern mechanisms in place to facilitate global technology advances in remittance transmissions, regulation, measurement and management to promote and engender investment opportunities

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By 2030, mechanisms are in place to fully integrate or reintegrate migrants in an environment where they can contribute to the development of Jamaica.

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By 2030, there is a reliable statistical infrastructure that is compliant with national, regional and international standards to inform policy, decision-making, planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation

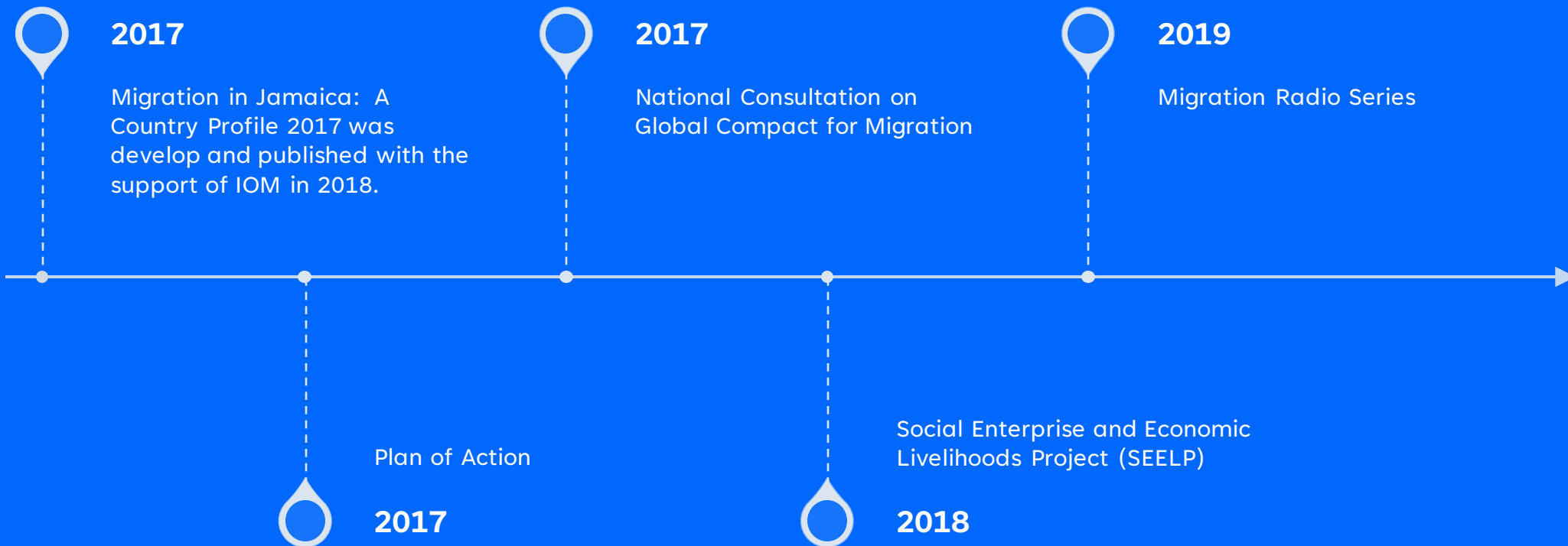
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By 2030, an orderly, safe and secure environment is enhanced through efficient and effective management of the migration process, thereby contributing to national development.

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By 2030, the migrant family is preserved, protected and empowered to ensure the productive lives of its members.

Initiative Timelines



Successful Initiatives

- Promoting Integrity in International Recruitment Project
- Reintegration of Irregular Returned Migrants (IRMS) Initiative
- Partnership with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) and PIOJ



POLICIES

Draft Diaspora and Development Policy

Spearheaded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Draft Involuntary Returned Migrants Policy

Spearheaded by the Ministry of National Security.



Capacity Building Initiatives

Trafficking in Persons

Between the Government of Jamaica and the International Organization for Migration Mission in Jamaica, over 500 law enforcement officers have been trained on the basics of TIP and Smuggling.

Ethical Recruitment

IRIS: Ethical Recruitment initiative to promote ethical recruitment of migrant workers. The PIOJ along with the MLSS have had several training workshops with recruitment agencies and the necessary government personnel.

Migration & the SDGs

Migration is a cross-cutting issue in the 2030 Agenda, relevant to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Challenges

Climate Change

Action – Inclusion in our POA as an area for action

Data – Labour, diaspora

Action – Migration database housed in our national statistics agency

Remittances

Action – GOJ in collaboration with IOM is implementing the Modernization of the Remittance Sector in Jamaica project inline with international standards and requirements



Challenges

Documentation for migrants

Action – Under the Migration prog. we have been collaborating with other MDAs to assist in this regard



Summary

The NWGIMD continues to ensure that the goals of the IMD Policy are achieved. The last revision of the POA was done at the NWGIMD Retreat held in 2022. The outcome of that retreat was a testimony that the Government of Jamaica is on track to fulfilling its obligation as a key stakeholder of the NWGIMD and our partners continue to work closely with the Migration secretariat to plan and implement the necessary initiatives to achieve the set goals.

Thank you